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SUBJECT: PROFESSOR TELFORD TAYLOR

REF: TEL AVIV 1675.

1. PROFESSOR TELFORD TAYLOR HAS BEEN IN MOSCOW SINCE MARCH 29 TO PURSUE CASE OF SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS ON BEHALF OF RELATIVES NOW LIVING IN ISRAEL (REFTEL). TAYLOR CALLED AT EMBASSY MARCH 30 AND HAS HAD NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF BY PHONE AND IN PERSON SINCE THEN. TAYLOR'S PURPOSE WAS TO RAISE QUESTION OF JEWISH PRISONERS WITH SOVIET PRO-CURATOR GENERAL RUDENKO AND CHIEF OF SOVIET SUPREME COURT SMIRNOV (BOTH OF WHOM TAYLOR KNOWS FROM NUREMBERG TRIALS) AND TO TRY TO CONVINCE THEM TO ACCEPT PETITIONS AND DOCUMENTS CONCERNING PRISONERS, WITH VIEW TO THEIR RELEASE OR MITIGATION OF THEIR SENTENCES. TAYLOR DID NOT CARRY DOCUMENTS WITH HIM, HOPING ONLY TO GAIN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT THEY WERE ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE IN POSSIBLE APPEAL.

2. AT TAYLOR'S REQUEST, EMBASSY CALLED PROCURACY AND SUPREME COURT SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT WEEK TO INFORM THAT TAYLOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE RUDENKO AND SMIRNOV. TAYLOR WAS INFORMED BY SMIRNOV'S OFFICE THAT SMIRNOV HAS HAD A SEVERE

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STROKE AND IS IN HOSPITAL. SMIRNOV DID, HOWEVER, SEND

VLADIMIR GALUSHKO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF SOVIET LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (OF WHICH SMIRNOV IS CHAIRMAN) TO MEET WITH TAYLOR, AND TAYLOR WAS ABLE TO COMMUNICATE HIS REQUEST RE DOCUMENTS. LATE AFTERNOON FRIDAY, APRIL 5, TAYLOR HAD CALL FROM PROCURACY INFORMING HIM THAT, ALTHOUGH RUDENKO WAS OUT OF TOWN, HE COULD SEE FIRST DEPUTY PROCURATOR GENERAL MALYAROV. TAYLOR SPENT ABOUT AN HOUR WITH MALYAROV AND LATER TOLD EMBOFF THAT MEETING HAD GONE BETTER THAN HE EXPECTED. ALTHOUGH MALYAROV GAVE NO INDICATION THAT PRISONERS CASES WOULD BE REOPENED, HE DID SAY PROCURACY WAS WILLING TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER PETITIONS, DOCUMENTS AND OTHER EVIDENCE.

3. TAYLOR SAID HE PLANS LEAVE MOSCOW APRIL 6, BUT THAT HE MAY RETURN AFTER SCHOOL TERM ENDS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTS. HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE, AND SAID HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH EUR/SOV.
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